GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – V&E Cases – Appraisal Report No.35 - Illegal storage and selling of fertilizers in Krishna District - Disciplinary action against Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District and (02) others, under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Charges held not proved – Dropping of further action - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 151 **Dated: 25-03-2025**

Read the following:

1. From the Director General (Vig. &Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt.(FAC), GA(V&E) Dept., Appraisal Report No.35 (C.No.705/V&E/D1/2016), dt.17.4.2017.
2. Govt. Memo.No.AGST-30/3/2017 , A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt.06.06.2017
3. Memo.No.Vig.I(1)80/2020 -1,2,3, dt.29.06.2022, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
4. Written Statement of Defense(WSD) of (1) Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District dt.08.08.2022; (2) Sri D.Srinivasa Rao, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, Krishna district, dt.04.08.2022 ; and (3) Sri K.Siva Prasad, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, dt.03.08.2022.
5. Memo.No.Vig.I(1)80/2020, dt.20.03.2023, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
6. Memo.No.Vig.I(1)80/2020, dt.21.03.2023, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
7. From Sri S.Y.V.S.Manohara Rao, Deputy Director of Agriculture, O/o DAO, Krishna, Machilipatnam & Inquiry Authority, Inquiry Report, dt.26.09.2023.
8. From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.I(1)80/2020, dt.17.11.2023.
9. Memo.No.Vig.I(1)80/2020, dt.20.04.2024, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
10. Written Representation of (1) Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District , dt.24.05.2024; (2) Sri D.Srinivasa Rao, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, Krishna district, dt.02.05.2024 and (3) Sri K.Siva Prasad, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, dt.15.05.2024.

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O R D E R :

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Adminstration (V&E) Department, A.P., has submitted Appraisal Report No.35 regarding Illegal storage and selling of fertilizers in Krishna District and recommended to take action as deemed fit against the following Officers for their supervisory lapses:

1. Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Gannavaram.
2. Sri D.Srinivasa Rao, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, Krishna district and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Chintoor, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Rampachodavaram.
3. Sri K.Siva Prasad, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Machilipatnam, Krishna District and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Movva, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Kuchipudi.

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2. In the reference 2nd read above instructions was issued to the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur to take necessary action on the recommendations of DG, V&E Dept. immediately and also to take action as deemed fit against Kum. J. Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others for their supervisory lapses duly following the rules in force and furnish action taken report directly to the Director General, (V&E) Department, under intimation to Government in the matter immediately.

3. Accordingly, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has initiated disciplinary action against Kum. J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others and issued Article of Charge against them in the reference 3rd read above, with a direction to submit their Written Statements of Defense (WSDs), duly accepting/denying the Charges framed against them.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officers Kum. J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others have submitted thier Written Statements of Defense (WSD) duly denying the charges framed against them.

5. The Written Statements of Defense of the Charged Officers are not convincing, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri S.Y.V.S.Manohara Rao, District Agriculture Officer(DAO), Krishna District as Inquiry Officer in the reference 5th read above to conduct regular Inquiry into the Charges framed against Kum. J. Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others

6. Further, Sri N.Manidhar, Assistant Director of Agriculture O/o DAO, Krishna District was appointed as Presenting Officer, in the reference 6th read above, to present the case before the Inquiry Authority, on behalf of disciplinary Authority.

7. In the reference 7th read above, Sri S.Y.V.S.Manohar Rao, DDA, O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Krishna District & Inquiry Authority, has submitted his Inquiry Report, wherein he concluded that, the charges are not proved against Kum. J. Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has agreed with the findings of the Inquiry Officer in respect of Kum. J. Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others.

9. In the reference 9th read above, the above Inquiry Report was communicated to Kum. J. Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzvid Mandal and (02) others and they have submitted their written Representation, in the reference 10th read above and requested to consider the report of Inquiry Authority and to drop further action against them.

10. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Authority and accordingly, hereby drop further action against the following Officers, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 duly exonerating them from the Articles of Charge issued against them:

1. Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Gannavaram.
2. Sri D.Srinivasa Rao, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, Krishna district and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Chintoor, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Rampachodavaram.
3. Sri K.Siva Prasad, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Machilipatnam, Krishna District and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Movva, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Kuchipudi.

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11. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

1. Kum.J.Bhavani, the then Mandal Agriculture Officer, Nuzivid, Krishna District and presently working as Mandal Agriculture Officer, Bapulapadu, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Gannavaram.
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Through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, East Godavari District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Krishna District
The District Agriculture Officer, Guntur District
The District Agriculture Officer, Alluri Sitaramaraju district
The Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Kuchipudi.
The Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Rampachodavaram.
The Assistant Director of Agriculture(R), Gannavaram.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commissioner, A.P.V.C., 5thBlock, 1st Floor, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER